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**I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED
NOVEMBER 27, 2001; AND III. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001, for which the three-month date for response was February 27, 2002.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to May 27, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period. Because Monday, May 27, 2002, is the Memorial Day Holiday in the District of Columbia, this response is considered timely filed by depositing with the U.S. Postal Service on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, with an appropriate Certificate of Mailing, as

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